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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR EG SY

SUBJ: TRANSFER OF EGYPTIAN MILITARY PERSONNEL TO SYRIA

REF: DAMASCUS 314(NOTAL)

1. STORIES ABOUT SUPPLY BY EGYPT TO SYRIA OF MILITARY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT HAVE CIRCULATED IN CAIRO FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS. GOE HAS GIVEN NO SIGN THAT SUCH A TRANSFER HAS OCCURRED, AND WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN HARD INFORMATION THAT WOULD TEND TO CONFIRM REPORTS (MANY OF WHICH, WE NOTE, ARE ORDANIAN SOURCES).

2. NEVERTHELESS, THERE ARE REASONS WHY SADAT MIGHT WISH TO SEND FORCES TO SYRIA AT THIS TIME, BOTH TO INCREASE--OR MAINTAIN -HIS OWN LEVERAGE WITH ASAD, AND TO PROVIDE AMMUNITION FOR THOSE SYRIANS, INCLUDING ASAD, WHO NEED SUPPORT TO REBUT ARGUMENTS BY BAATH EXTREMISTS THAT EGYPTIANS ARE PURSUING A SEPARATIST SETTLEMENT DOCTRINE.

3. BY THIS LOGIC, EGYPTIANS WOULD NEED TO SEND MINIMUM NUMBER OF PERSONNEL TO SYRIA AND WOULD HAVE NO INTENTION

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OF PLACING THEM IN COMBAT ROLES. UNLESS THERE IS CONVIN-

CING EVIDENCE TO THE COUNTRY, WE ARE THEREFORE INCLINED  
TOWARD A LOWER FIGURE FOR THE SIZE OF SUCH FORCES, AND NOT  
THE THOUSANDS THAT HAVE AT TIMES BEEN RUMORED.

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